8th March 1955]

and it is complained that they are out of order. May I know the steps taken by the Government to see that all these defects are rectified?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"It is not merely the Plant Protection Officer but also the Demonstrators that are expected to go round in order to advise the ryots regarding prevention as well as treatment of such diseases. As for sprayers, I have already answered that the Government have purchased more sprayers for distribution among the various depots."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—"Is this pest attack common all over the State or is it peculiar only to some districts in the State?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"There are various kinds of pests and these pests do come in frequently."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"May I know whether this is a mapor pest or a minor pest, ferocious or mild pest?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I do not have that kind of research mind and I have not gone into that aspect."

Reservoir for irrigation purposes in Malabar.

* 1164 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have conducted any survey of the possibilities of forming artificial lakes in Malabar fit for irrigational purposes; and

(*b*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) The execution of the Malampuzha, Walayar and Mangalam Reservoir Projects has already been taken up and the works are in progress. The question of taking up three other reservoir projects, i.e., Kanhirapuzha, Meenakarai and Palakazhipuzha, is under consideration."

Bhavanagar Maharaja Tuberculosis Fund

* 1165 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how the Government have spent money out of the Bhavanagar Maharaja Tuberculosis Fund; and

(*b*) how many Tuberculosis patients received relief from this Fund?

[8th March 1955

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) A sum of Rs. 4,560 from out of the interest accrued on the securities relating to the Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund has been distributed among 38 poor tuberculosis patients."

Representation from Mangalore Tile and Cashewnut Workers' Unions re *lay-off wages*

* 1166 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Mangalore Tile Workers' Union and the Mangalore Cashewnut Workers' Union requesting the Government to apply the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, in respect of lay-off, wages, etc., to the workers in the above industries ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have decided not to declare any industry as such as ' seasonal ' or ' intermittent ' under the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953, but to consider requests from individual industrial establishments on the merits of each case."

Complaint against a Sub-Inspector of Police

* 1167 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation on 1st June 1954 from one Sri K. S. Muthan, a resident of the Kadambakkam cheri in Villupuram taluk of South Arcot district addressed to the Collector of South Arcot alleging certain police excesses ;

(b) if so, the complaints against the Sub-Inspector of Police ; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (c) The Collector of South Arcot received a representation from Sri K. S. Muthan in which he had made certain complaints against the police. The allegations were that the Sub-Inspector of Police, Villupuram Taluk station, had been harassing Muthan and his partymen at the instigation of another person named Appavoo, that the Sub-Inspector arrested Muthan and his men without sufficient justification on two occasions and also beat them while they were in custody. The inquiry made by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tindivanam, has revealed that the allegations are either false or are distortions of facts."